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SHORT PROFILE

- Currently: Postdoctoral Fellow at the Chair for International Relations and Transnational Politics, Leipzig University
- 12/2020: PhD (summa cum laude) in Political Science, Goethe University Frankfurt am Main
- Current research project: Digitization in peace processes – communication strategies and local inclusion
- Research interests: Conflict Resolution and Peacebuilding, Digitalization and Peacekeeping, United Nations, Public Diplomacy and Social Media, Transitional Justice, Multi-Method Research, Simulations

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

since 10/2022	Leipzig University , Leipzig, Germany Postdoctoral Fellow (100%), Faculty of Social Sciences and Philosophy, Chair for International Relations and Transnational Politics
04/2020 – 09/2022	University of Potsdam , Potsdam, Germany Postdoctoral Fellow (100%), Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences, Chair of International Relations
10/2013 – 04/2020	Goethe University , Frankfurt, Germany Research Fellow and Lecturer (50%), Department of Political Science, Chair of International Institutions and Peace Processes
03/2019 – 04/2019	University of Liberia , Monrovia, Liberia Research stay (2 months), Visiting Researcher, Kofi Annan Institute for Conflict Transformation
09/2015 – 06/2016	Columbia University , New York, USA Research stay (10 months), Fulbright Visiting Researcher, Department of Political Science, host: Michael W. Doyle
Since 09/2014	German Armed Forces Command and Staff College , Hamburg, Germany Guest Lecturer and Subject Matter Expert, Modules 'UN Peacekeeping Operations' and 'UN-Staff Officer Course'

ACADEMIC EDUCATION

04/2014 – 03/2020	Ph.D. (summa cum laude) in Political Science (Dr. phil.) Goethe University Frankfurt am Main <i>Day of defense: 18.12.2020</i> <i>Title of the dissertation:</i> Patterns of Sustaining Peace. A Systematic Comparative Case Analysis of Institutional Configurations and their Impact on Peacebuilding Success. <i>Reviewers:</i> Tanja Brühl (TU Darmstadt), Claudius Wagemann (Goethe University Frankfurt), Margit Bussmann (University Greifswald)
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10/2010 – 06/2013	Master of Arts International Studies / Peace and Conflict Studies (Grade 1,3) Faculty of Social Sciences, Goethe University Frankfurt am Main
02/2010 – 07/2010	Visiting Student, University of Southampton, United Kingdom
10/2007 – 11/2010	Bachelor of Arts Political Science (Grade 1,3) Faculty of Social Sciences, Goethe University Frankfurt am Main
10/2006 – 07/2011	Master of Arts, English Studies, Spanish and Cultural Anthropology (Grade 1,1) Faculty of Modern Languages, Goethe University Frankfurt am Main

PUBLICATIONS

Total number of publications: 15

Publications with peer review: 10

Overall IF: 9.953

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JOURNAL ARTICLES (Peer reviewed)

1. **Leib, J.** (2023). [Of Peacekeepers and Pandemics: How Covid-19 Changed Strategic Communication of the UN Mission in South Sudan](#), *Global Governance*, 29(1), 11-26. (IF: 1.180)
2. **Leib, J.** (2022). [How Justice Becomes Part of the Deal: Pre-Conditions for the Inclusion of Transitional Justice Provisions in Peace Agreements](#), *International Journal of Transitional Justice*, 16(3), 439-457. (IF: 1.758)
3. Ruppel, S. & **Leib, J.** (2022). [Same but Different: The Role of Local Leaders in the Peace Processes in Liberia and Sierra Leone](#), *Peacebuilding*, 10(4), 470-505. (IF: 1.750)
4. **Leib, J.** & Ruppel, S. (2021). [The Dance of Peace and Justice: Local Perceptions of International Peacebuilding in West Africa](#), *International Peacekeeping*, 28(5), 783-812. (IF: 3.000)
5. Ruhe, C., **Leib, J.**, Weidmann, N.B. & Bussmann, M. (2020). [Empirisch-analytische Friedens- und Konfliktforschung in Deutschland: Ein Kommentar zur Evaluation durch den Wissenschaftsrat](#), *Zeitschrift für Friedens- und Konfliktforschung*, 9(2), 443-454.
6. **Leib, J.** & Ruppel, S. (2020). [The learning effects of United Nations simulations in political science classrooms](#), *European Political Science*, 19(3), 336-351. (IF: 1.756)
7. **Leib, J.** (2019). [The security and justice approach in Liberia's peace process: mechanistic evidence and local perception](#), *Peace Economics, Peace Science and Public Policy*, 25(4), 1-6. (IF: 0.509)
8. **Leib, J.** & Ruppel, S. (2019). [Studentische Lerneffekte in Simulationen der Vereinten Nationen](#), *Zeitschrift für Friedens- und Konfliktforschung*, 8(1), 99-111.
9. **Leib, J.** (2016). [Shaping peace: an investigation of the mechanisms underlying post-conflict peacebuilding](#), *Peace, Conflict & Development*, Issue 22: 25-76.

MONOGRAPHS

10. **Leib, J.** (2024). *Patterns of Sustaining Peace: The Complex Impact of Peacebuilding Institutions in Post-Conflict Societies*. Forthcoming with Bristol University Press.

CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES

11. **Leib, J.** (2024). Social Media and Strategic Communication in UN Peacekeeping Missions. In: A. Reuß & S. Stetter (eds.). *Social Media and Conflict: Exploring the Role of Digital Spaces in Peacebuilding*. Forthcoming with Palgrave MacMillan.
12. Brühl, T., **Leib, J.**, Peltner, A. & Ruppel, S. (2018). *Die Vereinten Nationen simulieren: „MainMUN“ als fächerübergreifendes Planspiel der Weltpolitik*. In: M. Schedelik, T. Engartner & M.T. Messner (eds.). *Planspiele in der sozialwissenschaftlichen Lehre: Theorie und Praxis aus der Hochschule*. Schwalbach/Ts: Wochenschau Verlag: 181-191.

OTHER PUBLISHED WORK

13. **Leib, J.** (2023). *Unhörbar#32 – Wie entsteht nachhaltiger Frieden?* Podcast of the United Nations Association of Germany (DGVN), April 21, 2023.
14. **Leib, J.** (2019). *Ist die Welt wirklich friedlicher geworden? Ein Blick auf statistische Trends im Konfliktgeschehen weltweit*, *Forschung Frankfurt*, Issue 1.2019, 62-66.
15. **Leib, J.** (2010). *Quo Vadis Peacekeeping? Der Konflikt in Darfur und die „Responsibility to Protect“*. Saarbrücken: VDM.

WORKING PAPER

‘Let’s Communicate better about What We do in Ways that Everybody understands’: Strategic Digital Communication in United Nations Peace Missions

Becoming an ‘Influencer for Peace’: Strategic Social Media Communication by the UN Verification Mission in Colombia (with Solveig Richter)

Implementing Peace under a Watchful Public Eye: Analyzing the Corrective Function of Online Social Networks in Colombia’s Peace Process (with Solveig Richter & Johannes Schuster)

Assisted Accountability in Peacebuilding: Tracing the Implementation of Peace and Justice in Sierra Leone

The Sustaining Peace Scale: Conceptualizing Peace in the Aftermath of Violent Conflict.

AWARDS

10/2021	Best Dissertation Award United Nations Association of Germany (DGVN) for <i>Patterns of Sustaining Peace</i>
10/2021	Aquila ascendens Young Researcher Award for Security Policy , third place DialogForum Sicherheitspolitik
02/2014	Josef Esser Award Goethe University Frankfurt Best Master thesis in Political Science
07/2011	Dagmar Westberg University Award Goethe University Frankfurt Outstanding Master thesis on the literature, culture, or history of Great Britain

APPOINTMENT PROCEDURES

2022 **Assistant Professor in Political Science with Expertise in International Security**
Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Department of Political Science and Public
Administration (Long list, interview)

RESEARCH FUNDING

2022 – 2023 German Foundation for Peace Research (DSF)

- o Pilot Study ‘#Peacekeeping: Ambivalences of digital communication strategies of the UN Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS)’
- o Principal Investigator and Project Lead, Volume: €28,800

12/2021 Swiss National Science Foundation (SNF)

- o Workshop ‘International QCA Expert/Paper Development Workshops’
- o Project Co-Lead with Johannes Meuer (ETH Zurich), Manuel Fischer (EAWAG), Sofia Pagliarin (Erasmus University Rotterdam), Ryan Rumble (Jönköping University), Christian Rupietta (University of Wuppertal), Volume: CHF 12,600

02/2021 – 07/2021 Potsdam Graduate School (PoGS)

- o Funding for a research assistant in the project ‘Digitalization in Peacekeeping’
- o Principal Investigator and Project Lead, Volume: €2,000

SCHOLARSHIPS & TRAVEL GRANTS

Total amount of scholarships and travel grants acquired: €78,500

07/2020 Potsdam Graduate School (PoGS) travel grant for the Essex Summer School (€1,250)

06/2019 – 09/2020 Mentee in the ‘Mentoring Hessen’ funding line ‘ProAcademia’ for the promotion of women in science and business

06/2019 Frankfurt Graduate Center Social Sciences (GRASOC) travel grant for a conference in The Hague, Netherlands (€400)

02/2019 – 04/2019 DAAD short-term scholarship for doctoral students for field research in Sierra Leone and Liberia (€7,480)

09/2018 Frankfurt Graduate Center Social Sciences (GRASOC) travel grant for a conference in Hamburg (€400)

04/2018 DAAD travel grant for a conference in San Francisco, USA (€1,629)

11/2014 – 10/2017 Full Predoctoral Fellowship, Polytechnic Society Foundation Frankfurt am Main (fellowship, plus research and travel expenses, ~ €51,000)

08/2017 ECPR Funding Grant for the Summer School in Methods and Techniques (€415)

09/2015 – 06/2016 Predoctoral Fellowship, Fulbright Commission, for a research stay as Visiting Scholar at Columbia University in New York, USA (€14,400)

03/2016 DAAD travel grant for conference in Atlanta, USA (€1,500)

ORGANIZATION OF WORKSHOPS AND GUEST TALKS

- Workshop Convener International QCA Expert Workshop & International QCA Paper Development Workshop, ETH Zurich, December 13-15, 2021
- Co-Convener (with Manuel Fischer, Johannes Meuer, Sofia Pagliarin, Ryan Rumble, Christian Rupietta)
 - Funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (amount: 12,600 CHF)
- ‘Empirical Research on Peace and Conflict’ virtual workshop of the German Association of Peace and Conflict Studies’ (AFK) working group Empirical Peace and Conflict Research, September 23-24, 2021
- Co-Convener (with Constantin Ruhe)
- Organized Guest Talks ‘Relevance and Effectiveness of International Institutions: A Practitioner’s View’, by former Ambassador Martin Kobler, Leipzig University, July 4, 2023
- ‘Ethnographic Research Designs & Methods’, by Dr. Samantha Ruppel, Leipzig University, June 29, 2023
- ‘Security Policy in Times of Crisis’, by former Ambassador Martin Kobler, University of Potsdam, January 26, 2022
- Lecture Series “Transformations of our World – the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, Berlin, November 8 – December 6, 2021
- Co-Convener (with Andrea Liese, Thomas Dörfler, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), Engagement Global)

FIELDWORK AND ARCHIVAL RESEARCH

- 05/2023 Colombia: Interviews with officers working for the UN Verification Mission in Colombia and other (inter)national organizations in Bogotá and Medellín.
- 03/2023 USA: Interviews with members of the United Nations Secretariat in New York.
- 03/2019 – 04/2019 Liberia: Interviews with experts in international peacebuilding and local reconciliation processes in Monrovia, as well as leading a survey on local perceptions of the peace process.
- 01/2019 – 02/2019 Sierra Leone: Interviews with experts in international peacebuilding and local reconciliation processes throughout the country, as well as leading a nationwide survey on local perceptions of the peace process.
- 10/2018 – 11/2018 USA: Archive research on documents of the UN peace missions in Cambodia and Sierra Leone in the UN Archives in New York, as well as interviews with members of international organizations in New York and Washington, D.C.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Since 03/2023 Executive Board Member of the [German Association of Peace and Conflict Studies](#)
- Since 01/2021 Organizational Team, [International QCA Workshop Series](#) with Johannes Meuer (ETH Zurich), Manuel Fischer (EAWAG), Sofia Pagliarin (Erasmus University Rotterdam), Ryan Rumble (Jönköping University), Christian Rupietta (University of Wuppertal)
- Since 09/2019 Co-Speaker, AFK working group [Empirical Peace and Conflict Research](#) German Association of Peace and Conflict Studies, with Constantin Ruhe (Goethe University Frankfurt)

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

08/2022	Survey Design, ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques
02/2022	Online Qualitative Data Collection: Methods, Technology and Ethics ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques
08/2021	Advanced Qualitative Data Analysis, ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques
07/2021	Survival Analysis and Event History Modelling, Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis
03/2021	Applied Regression Analysis: Estimation, Diagnostics, and Modelling ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques
08/2020	Qualitative Data Analysis & Introduction to NVivo ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques
07/2020	Introduction to Quantitative Text Analysis, Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis
03/2018	Advanced Topics in Set-Theoretic Methods and QCA, ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques
08/2017	Process-tracing I: Foundations and Guidelines & Process-tracing II: Evidence and empirical testing in practice, ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques
08/2011	Qualitative Comparative Analysis and Fuzzy Sets, ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques
Languages	German (<i>native</i>), English (<i>fluent</i>), Spanish (<i>basic</i>), French (<i>basic</i>)
Software	R, RStudio, fs/QCA, NVivo, ArcGIS, WordPress, Adobe Creative Cloud (Photoshop, Illustrator, Lightroom)

UNIVERSITY SERVICES

10/2020 – 09/2022	Member in the Faculty Council Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences, University of Potsdam
2021	Member in the appointment committee W3 “Chair in Public Participation and Open Government”, University of Potsdam
2018/2019	Member in the appointment committee W1 “Chair in Political Science or Sociology with a Focus on Radicalization and Violence Research”, Goethe University Frankfurt
2017	Member in the appointment committee W1 (tenure track) “Chair in Political Science with a Focus on Methods of Quantitative Empirical Social Research”, Goethe University Frankfurt

PEER REVIEW

Journals	Journal of Peace Research (1), International Peacekeeping (2), International Journal of Communication (1)
Publishers	Springer Publishing House (1)

DIDACTIC AND CAREER TRAINING

04/2020 – 09/2022	Several career development workshops Potsdam Graduate School (PoGS), courses included Management of Research Data, Grant Proposal Writing, Gender-Diversity-Approaches for University Teaching, Digitalization of University teaching, Inverted Classroom Model
10/2013 – 06/2015	Certificate of Didactics of Higher Education Comprehensive training in didactics of university teaching (21 ECVET-points), Interdisziplinäres Kolleg Hochschuldidaktik, Goethe University Frankfurt
10/2014 – 02/2015	eLearning Certificate Digital Media in Educational Processes Qualification program by studiumdigitale, eLearning facility at Goethe University

TEACHING SUMMARY

Breadth	26 completed courses on international relations, peace and conflict studies, comparative politics, and social science methods o 18 courses in university teaching methods (<i>Hochschuldidaktik</i>)
Levels	Undergraduate and graduate level
Teaching institutions	Leipzig University (since 2022) University of Potsdam (2020-2022) Goethe University Frankfurt (2014-2020) German Armed Forces Command and Staff College (since 2014)
Theses supervision	18 BA Theses (17 as second reader), 8 Master Theses (13 as second reader)
International Relations & Comparative Politics	International Security Policy Mission Accomplished? Effectiveness of International Peace Operations United Nations Challenges of International Conflict Resolution International Institutions European Peace and Security Policy Preparation for the National Model United Nations Current Topics in Civil War Research Transitional Justice in Theory and Practice The Challenges of Peace Processes
Methods	(Qualitative) Research Designs in International Relations Introduction to Academic Research

MEMBERSHIPS

Since 2020	Academic Council on the United Nations System (ACUNS)
Since 2019	German Association of Peace and Conflict Studies (AFK)
Since 2020	Network of European Peace Scientists (NEPS)
Since 2016	United Nations Association of Germany (DGVN)
Since 2015	International Studies Association (ISA)

INVITED TALKS/ROUNDTABLES

2022	United Nations Association of Germany	Roundtable: "Pathways to Sustainable Peace: Germany's Role in International Peacebuilding"
2018	ETH Zurich	Talk: "The more (not always) the merrier: The hidden mechanisms of power-sharing institutions and their influence on stable peace", Invited Roundtable, International QCA Expert Workshop
2018	University of Birmingham	Talk: "The hidden mechanisms of power-sharing institutions and their influence on stable peace", Invited Roundtable, Methodological Advances in the Study of Civil War and Political Violence
2018	Uppsala University	Talk: "Third-party interventions in armed conflicts: a closer look at causal patterns, dependencies and consequences for civilians", Invited Roundtable, Ending Atrocities Workshop
2017	ETH Zurich	Talk: "Making Peace Last – A Systematic Comparative Case Analysis of Successful Post-Conflict Peacebuilding", Invited Roundtable, International QCA Expert Workshop
2017	Fridtjof Nansen Academy for Political Education	Talk: "Lessons learned? Current Challenges of International Conflict Settlement by the United Nations"

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

2023	ISA Annual Convention, Montréal DVPW-Sektionstagung Internationale Beziehungen, Friedrichshafen ACUNS Annual Meeting, Washington European Workshops in International Studies, WS 'World Politics and United Nations Peace Missions, Amsterdam
2022	ISA Annual Convention, Nashville 21st Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference, London ACUNS Annual Meeting, Geneva Workshop of the German Association for Peace and Conflict Studies Methods Section, Aarhus 10th International QCA Expert Workshop, Zurich
2021	ISA Virtual Annual Convention IPSA World Congress of Political Science ECPR General Conference DVPW-Kongress EISA Workshops, WS "Global Governance in the Digital Age" 9th International QCA Expert Workshop, Zurich Annual Workshop of the German Association for Peace and Conflict Studies Methods Section
2020	Workshop on Conflict Dynamics, Oxford DVPW-Sektionstagung Internationale Beziehungen, Freiburg 8th International QCA Expert Workshop, Zurich Workshop of the German Association for Peace and Conflict Studies Methods Section, Berlin
2019	ISA Annual Convention, Toronto APSA Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. 19th Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference, The Hague 7th International QCA Expert Workshop, Zurich Workshop of the German Association for Peace and Conflict Studies Methods Section, Bonn

- 2018 ISA Annual Convention, San Francisco
 ECPR Joint Session of Workshops, Nicosia
 IPSA World Congress of Political Science, Brisbane
 ECPR General Conference, Hamburg
 Ending Atrocities Workshop, Uppsala
 6th International QCA Expert Workshop, Zurich
 Workshop: Methodological Advances in the Study of Civil War and Political Violence, Birmingham
 Workshop of the German Association for Peace and Conflict Studies Methods Section, Hamburg
- 2017 ISA Annual Convention, Baltimore
 5th International QCA Expert Workshop, Zurich
 Workshop of the German Association for Peace and Conflict Studies Methods Section, Mannheim
- 2016 ISA Annual Convention, Atlanta
 MPSA Annual Conference, Chicago
 APSA Annual Meeting, Philadelphia
 Peace Science Society (International) Annual North American Meeting, South Bend
 Workshop of the German Association for Peace and Conflict Studies Methods Section, Konstanz
- 2015 ISA Annual Convention, New Orleans
 IAPSS World Congress, London